

Weather Event Simulator Case Study

Originating Office : WFO Mobile
Date of Case : 29 April 2002
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Weather Event : A synoptically forced convection event.

Learning Objectives : Proper identification of the features and processes which are responsible for producing a localized region of upward motion to correctly forecast the timing and location of deep convective initiation (Part 1)
: Use of proper strategies, techniques and methods diagnose severe thunderstorm structure (Part 2).

Available Data : KMOB all AWIPS radar data.
: 0.5° radar data for KLIJ and KEOX
: All AWIPS model guidance fields.
: All AWIPS satellite imagery (Regional scale).
: All AWIPS point data.
: All AWIPS redbook graphics.

Time Period of Data : 0000 UTC April 29 to 0000 UTC April 30, 2002

Type of Simulation : Interval based.

Completion Time : Two hours (Part 1); three hours (Part 2)

Additional Materials : Electronic (WordPerfect) copy of Simulation Guide on diskette and in the Simulation Guide subdirectory within the case.

Installation : Use the CaseInstaller.tcl script to install the case specifying three (3) CDs, [or one (1) DVD, as appropriate] the case directory (e.g., /data/awips) on the specified hard drive (e.g., /dev/sdb1). The case directory will be called 2002Apr29.

Special Instructions : It is not necessary to convert the case data to the DRT format for these interval-based simulations.
: This case includes localizations for WES versions 1.0, 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3. Please "cd" to the 2002Apr29/localizationDataSets subdirectory and extract (zcat | tar -xvf -) the appropriate localization for your version of the WES software.
: The case includes some suggested AWIPS D2D procedures which can be accessed by adding a user named 2002Apr29 to the file: /usr1/awips/fxa/data/fxa-users . The procedures are stored in three groups called 1345UTC, 1645UTC and RUC40. They can be accessed by choosing: *File --> Select User ID...* followed by: *File --> Procedures --> Open ...* from the D2D interface.